APOCALYPTIC HORSEPLAY

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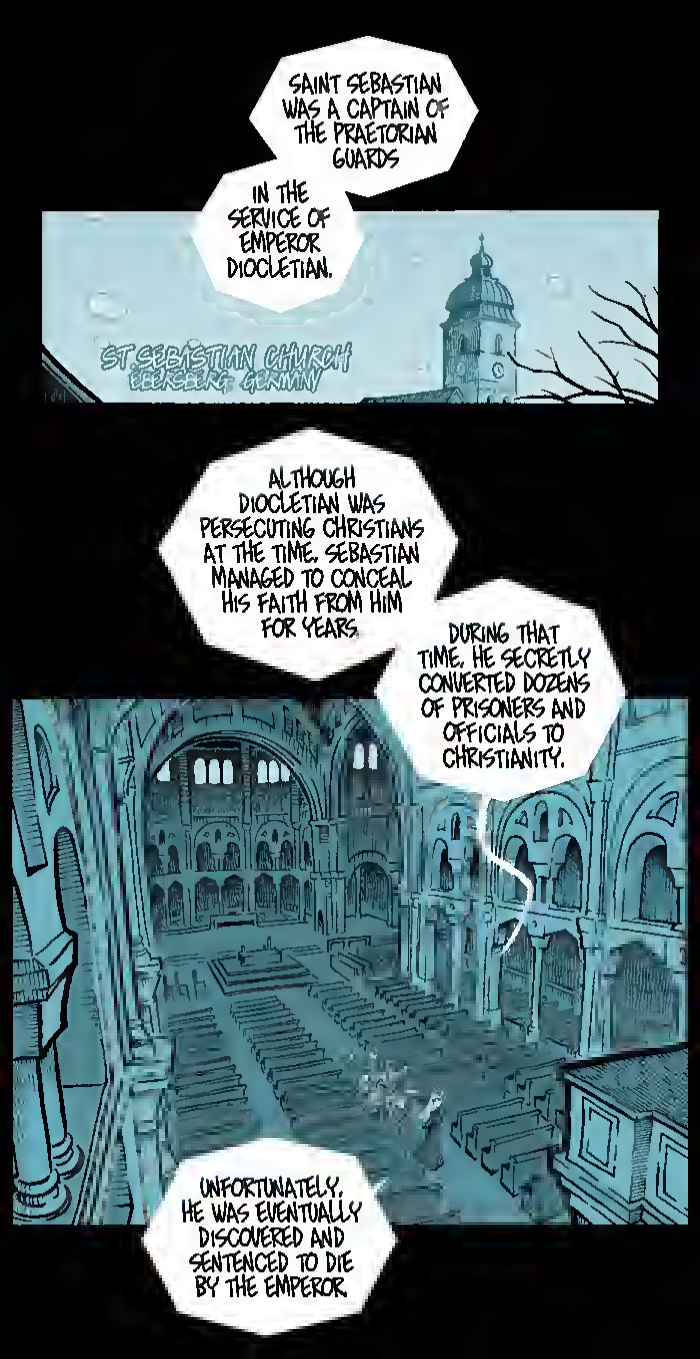
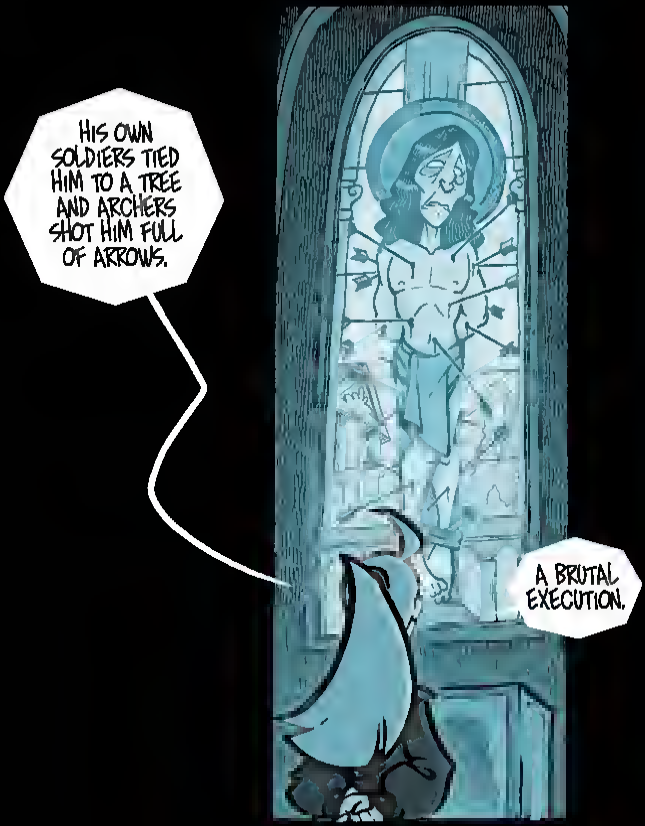
CHAPTER II: FOUR HORSEMEN


SAINT SEBASTIAN WAS A CAPTAIN OF THE PRAETORIAN GUARDS
IN THE SERVICE OF EMPEROR DIOCLETIAN.
ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH
BEERSEBRG, GERMANY
ALTHOUGH DIOCLETIAN WAS PERSECUTING CHRISTIANS AT THE TIME, SEBASTIAN MANAGED TO CONCEAL HIS FAITH FROM HIM FOR YEARS.
DURING THAT TIME, HE SECRETLY CONVERTED DOZENS OF PRISONERS AND OFFICIALS TO CHRISTIANITY.
UNFORTUNATELY, HE WAS EVENTUALLY DISCOVERED AND SENTENCED TO DIE BY THE EMPEROR.


HIS OWN SOLDIERS TIED HIM TO A TREE AND ARCHERS SHOT HIM FULL OF ARROWS.
A BRUTAL EXECUTION.

SEBASTIAN SURVIVED HOWEVER, AND RETURNED TO THE PALACE A FEW DAYS LATER TO PUBLICALLY DENOUNCE DIOCLETIAN FOR HIS PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS.
THIS TIME, THEY KILLED HIM FOR GOOD.

MOST OF HIS REMAINS ARE KEPT IN THE BASILICA APOSTOLORUM OF ROME.
BUT HIS CRANIUM WAS ENCASED IN SILVER AND SENT TO A GERMAN MONASTERY IN 934

TODAY, WE DISPLAY IT HERE.
FLASH
OOOH!
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PLEASE, PLEASE, NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY.
YOU'LL FIND SOME LOVELY MUGS AND POSTCARDS ON YOUR WAY OUT OF THE CHURCH.
FLASH

SIR?
ARE YOU COMING?
TELL ME...
...HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK THIS IS WORTH?
OH BUT SIR, THIS IS A HOLY RELIC!
IT IS ABSOLUTELY PRICELESS.

SEE, I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE ABOUT THAT.
?
I KNOW PEOPLE THAT CAN PRETTY MUCH PUT A PRICE ON ANYTHING
ON A RELATED NOTE, DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SECURITY HERE?
I HAVEN'T SEEN A SINGLE GUARD OR CAMERA SINCE WE CAME IN.
WE HAVE NO NEED FOR SUCH THINGS HERE. THIS IS THE HOUSE OF THE LORD AFTER ALL.
HE'S MORE THAN CAPABLE TO PROTECT WHAT IS HIS

OH YEAH?
AND WHO'S GONNA PROTECT YOU THEN?
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NOW OPEN THE CASE AND HAND ME THAT CRANIUM
AND SERIOUSLY, INVEST IN A SAFE OR SOME GUARD DOGS NEXT TIME.
MAKE IT A CHALLENGE.
OH, YOU MISUNDERSTOOD ME SIR.

WE MAY NOT HAVE ANY SECURITY SYSTEM, BUT WE ARE FAR FROM DEFENSELESS.
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FIRST, THERE'S THE HUSHER.
WHO HAS BEEN WATCHING YOU EVER SINCE YOU APPROACHED THE RELIC
AAH!
WHERE DID YOU...?!

DON'T FEEL BAD. NO ONE EVER HEARS HIM COMING.
S...
STAY BACK, MAN!
THEN THERE'S DAMOCLES.
?!!

YES. THAT'S HIM UP THERE.
I IMAGINE HE'S BEEN WATCHING YOU THE WHOLE TIME.

YEAH, WELL YOU TWO BETTER BACK OFF!
YOU CAN KEEP YOUR STUPID RELIC, BUT THE LADY AND I ARE GETTING OUT OF HERE.
UHF!
DON'T WORRY SIR, THEY WON'T INTERVENE.
THEY'RE JUST HERE TO WATCH.
WHAT?
YOU KNOW HOW BOYS ARE...

...THEY TEND TO LEAVE THE LADIES DO ALL THE WORK.

HHHBOOM